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SUBJ: FISHING OFF US COAST

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1. DESPITE NOTIFICATION REPORTED REF D, EMBASSY  
ONCE AGAIN REMINDED GOV THRU TWO CONDUITS OF APPROACHING  
DATE (MARCH 1) OF US ENFORCEMENT OF 200 MILE FISHERY  
ZONE AS REQUESTED. EMBOFF APPROACH DR. LUIS RIVAS, DIRECTOR  
OF THE GOV FUNDED FUNDACION LA SALLE DE CIENCIAS NATURALES  
ON FEB 24. DR. RIVAS SAID THAT GOV WELL AWARE OF MARCH 1  
AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE. ON FEB 28 LOS OFFICER TOOK  
ADVANTAGE OF CALL ON HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL  
POLICY DIVISION, AMBASSADOR NAVA CARILLO, TO ALSO REMIND  
FOREIGN MINISTRY OF MARCH 1 DATE AND TO  
SUGGEST THAT VENEZUELAN FLAG VESSELS NOT ATTEMPT TO FISH IN  
THAT ZONE AFTER THAT DATE.

2. AMBASSADOR NAVA REPLIED THAT GOV AWARE OF MARCH 1 DATE  
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AND HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER AT SOME LENGTH. HE SAID  
THAT THERE ARE TWO VESSELS CONNECTED WITH THE FUNDACION LA  
SALLE WHICH THE GOV WANTS TO SEE CONTINUE FISHING FOR SQUID  
AND OCTOPUS FISHING WITHIN US 200 MILE FISHERY ZONE. HE  
ADDED THAT WHILE TWO VESSELS ARE OPERATED BY A COMPANY  
ORGANIZED AS A COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION, THE PRINCIPAL  
OBJECTIVE OF OPERATING THEM IS TO TRAIN YOUNG VENEZUELAN

IN FISHING. HE STATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS AT THAT  
MOMENT PREPARING A FULL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE  
TWO VESSELS IN ORDER TO APPROACH THE DEPT WITH A VIEW  
TO FINDING A FORMULA FOR THEIR CONTINUED FISHING WITHIN  
US FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE. HE SAID PRESIDENT  
PEREZ HAD A PERSONAL INTERST IN THESE TWO VESSELS  
AND THAT THEIR OPERATION HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE CABINET.

3. CHARGE AND LOS OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT THIS  
COULD ONLY BE DONE UNDER A GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL  
FISHER AGREEMENT AND THAT DEPT HAD ADVISED EMBASSY  
THAT PROSPECTS FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA VERY POOR.  
EMBASSY LOS OFFICER MADE POINTS IN PARAS 4 OF REFS B AND C.  
IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR NAVA'S INSISTENCE THAT GOV  
WOULD LIKE TO RAISE THIS WITH DEPT,LOS OFFICER  
RECOMMENDED FOREIGN MINISTRY URGE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY  
IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH VENEZUELAN  
DESK AND OTHER OFFICIALS IN THE DEPT CONCERNED  
WITH FISHERIES.

4. COMMENT: FACT THAT NAVA MENTIONED INTEREST OF  
PRESIDENT AND CABINET IN CONTINUED OPERATION OF THESE  
TWO VESSELS OFF US COAST SUGGESTS WE HAVE NOT HEARD THE  
LAST OF THIS. ON THE OTHER HAND, RIVAS OF FUNDACION LA  
SALLE, TOLD EMBOFF THAT, AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, BOTH VESSELS  
ARE NOT FISHING FOR OCTOPUS AND SQUID OFF COAST OF VENEZUELA.  
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